

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2006

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m. – Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to RI State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel and PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation.

II. Executive Session

III. Call to Order – Public Session

IV. Roll Call / Quorum

V. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – October 16, 2006

VI. Minutes of Previous Meetings – September 13, 2006; September 18, 2006

VII. Public Acknowledgements / Communications

VIII. Chairperson Communications

IX. Superintendent Communications

X. School Committee Member Communications

XI. Public Hearing

a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Items)

b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)

XII. Consent Calendar / Consent Agenda

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SPONSORED BY MR. STYCOS AND MR. ARCHETTO

NO. 06-10-1 - Whereas, thirty-two classes are at cap and nineteen classes are over cap at Cranston High School East (cap is thirty students), and

Whereas, twenty-nine classes are at cap and fifty-two classes are over cap at Cranston High School West, and

Whereas, last year the two high schools together had fewer than ten

classes at or above cap, and

Whereas, children in classes with fewer than thirty students generally receive a better education than children in classes with thirty or more students, and

Whereas, five ESL classes at Cranston High School East have more than thirty students, and

Whereas, knowing the English language is critical to succeeding in the United States of America, and those students who do not know English are among our most vulnerable,

Be it RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee directs the Superintendent to devise a plan to re-allocate funds necessary to reduce as many high school classes as possible to fewer than thirty students by hiring additional part-time or full-time teachers, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee also declares that its top priority in this class size reduction shall be ESL classes with thirty or more children, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent shall present his plan to the School Committee as soon as possible. The School Committee shall consider the Superintendent's plan at a special meeting Monday, October 23, 2006.

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 06-10-2 – RESOLVED, that the agreement between the Cranston School Committee and NAGE, RI Local 155 Food Service Workers, be approved.

NO. 06-10-3 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Energy Educator Manager for Cranston Public Schools, be approved.

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NO. 06-10-4 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year:

Meaghan McGonagle, salary to be at the fifth step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Sienna College, BS

Experience – New York School Department

Certification – Secondary Business Education

Assignment – Cranston Area Career & Technical Center, Finance Academy, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – October 23, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 17430712 512100

Denise DeMagistris, salary to be at the eleventh step plus PhD of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BA and MA; Johnson & Wales University, Ed.D

Experience – Foster/Glocester School District

Certification – Reading

Assignment – Reading, Bain Middle School, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – October 23, 2006

Fiscal Note: 50915121 512100

NO. 06-10-5 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

N'Italia DeAngelis Elementary, PK-6

Marie Donovan Secondary English

Kara Tennett Elementary

Amy Hanson General Subject Matter

Mary Salvadore Art, PK-12

Diana Rowey General Subject Matter

Karen Burns General Subject Matter

Linda LeBeau Secondary Social Studies

Kimberly Dugan Special Education, Middle/Secondary

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Stephanie Accetta Special Education, Elementary

Caryn Langon Special Education, Elementary/Middle

Carol Marciano Early Childhood, PK-2

Melissa Fabrizio Special Education, Elementary/Middle

Stephen Pope General Subject Matter

Virginia Driggers General Subject Matter

Orah Bilmes Secondary Social Studies

**Miriam Gillespie Special Education,
Elementary/Middle/Secondary**

Despina Diko General Subject Matter

Lisa Passante Elementary

Amy Rojek Special Education, Elementary/Middle

Jennifer DeGregorio Art, PK-12

NO. 06-10-6 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as athletic coaches:

Michael Crudale, Head Boys' Soccer, Park View Middle School

Step – 7

Class – D

Playing Competition – Recreational

**Experience – Assistant Coach, Cranston High School East
Indoor/Outdoor Track and Recreational Soccer**

**Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid
Certified**

Brian Flinn, Head Boys' Soccer, Bain Middle School

Step – 2

Class – D

Playing Competition – None

Experience – Assistant Coach, Cranston High School East Softball and Recreational Soccer

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

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Michael Rachiele, Head Girls' Soccer, Bain Middle School

Step – 7

Class – D

Playing Competition – None

Experience – Head Coach Cranston High School East Softball and Recreational Soccer

Certification - Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

Daniel Burns – Head Girls' Soccer, Western Hills Middle School

Step – 7

Class – D

Playing Competition – None

Experience – Head Coach Park View Middle School Baseball/Wrestling and Recreational Soccer

Certification - Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

Katie Dailey, Head Girls' Soccer, Park View Middle School

Step – 1

Class – D

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – Recreational

**Certification - Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid
Certified**

Mark Dengel, Head Boys' Soccer, Western Hills Middle School

Step – 1

Class – D

Playing Competition – None

Experience – None

**Certification - Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid
Certified**

**NO. 06-10-7 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the
Superintendent, the following non-certified employees be appointed:**

John Leonelli, Teacher Assistant

Western Hills Middle School

Effective Date of Employment – October 16, 2006

Authorization – New

Fiscal Note: 12932032 519500

Bernadetta Petrone, Teacher Assistant

Western Hills Middle School

Effective Date of Employment – October 17 2006

Authorization – New

Fiscal Note: 12932032 519500

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Sheila Matarese, Teacher Assistant

Glen Hills School

Effective Date of Employment: October 16, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 12832032 519500

Marisa Mancini, Teacher Assistant

Cranston High School East

Effective Date of Employment – October 16, 2006

Authorization – New

Fiscal Note: 11332032 519500

Suzanne Holmes, CNA Instructor

Alternate Education Program

Effective Date of Employment – October 3, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 51362142 512100

J. Jordan Cannady, Instructor

Alternate Education Program

Effective Date of Employment - October 10, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 16278712 512100

Paul Hetu, Instructor

Alternate Education Program

Effective Date of Employment – October 4, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 16278712 512100

Fatima Khadar, Instructor

Alternate Education Program

Effective Date of Employment – October 10, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 16278712 512100

Nia Bert, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment – September 28, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

Kathleen Marion, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment – September 28, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

Karen Scapinakis, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment – October 17, 2006

Authorization – New

Fiscal Note: 14347543 517200

Rosa Orellana, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment – October 17, 2006

Authorization – New

Fiscal Note: 14347543 517200

Kristen Sheridan, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment – October 17, 2006

Authorization – New

Fiscal Note: 14347543 517200

Maryann Papa, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment – October 17, 2006

Authorization – New

Fiscal Note: 14347543 517200

Nancy Thibault, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment – October 17, 2006

Authorization – New

Fiscal Note: 14347543 517200

Gerald Jeff, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment – October 17, 2006

Authorization – New

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Anna Lisa Venditelli, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date of Employment – October 4, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 32347179 511000

Alexandra Bovill, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date of Employment – October 11, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 32347179 511000

Andrea Conte, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date of Employment – October 11, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 31947179 511000

Nancy Thibault, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date of Employment – October 10, 2006

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 32647179 511000

NO. 06-10-8 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

SECRETARIES

Susan Gravel

Barbara Flaherty

Pamela Payne

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

Paula Gonsalves

Deborah Derderian

Phyllis Pimental

NO. 06-10-9 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified staff member be granted a leave of absence without

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compensation as provided in Article VI of the Statement of Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Administration Management Staff:

Susanne Perrino, Assistant Food Service Director

Effective Dates: October 2006 to October 2007

NO. 06-10-10 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Shirley Gallo, Grant Manager

Business Office

Effective Date: December 29, 2006

NO. 06-10-11 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignations of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Deanna Petrucci, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date: September 25, 2006

Annmarie Maciel, Instructor

Alternate Education Program

Effective Date: September 15, 2006

Marie Lanzi, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date: September 15, 2006

Margarita VanHoolandt, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date: September 25, 2006

GRANTS

NO. 06-10-12 - RESOLVED, that the Cranston Public Schools submit to Speakers' Series-Listening to Learn, Wanting to Support, the following grant for the Special Education Parent Advisory Board:

All Cranston Public Schools \$ 9,500

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NO. 06-10-13 – RESOLVED, that the Cranston Public Schools submit to Best Buy the following grant:

**Interactive Observational Workbench for the Cranston \$ 2,500
Area Career & Technical Center Electronics Program**

NO. 06-10-14 – RESOLVED, that the Cranston Public Schools submit to Hamburger Helper Hometown Grants the following grants:

Discover Your Future – Cranston West \$10,620

Can't Come to Us, We'll Come to You – Cranston West \$15,000

**Out of the Dark Ages and Into the Digital Age – Barrows
School \$15,000**

NO. 06-10-15 – RESOLVED, that the Cranston Public Schools submit to Kids in Need Foundation the following grant:

Kids in Need Foundation Teacher Grants – Bain Middle School \$ 500

NO. 06-10-16 – RESOLVED, that the Cranston Public Schools submit to Kids in Need Foundation – JOANN Stores, Inc. the following grants:

Bully Busters Program – Eden Park School \$ 500

We Are Not the Same! Celebrating Diversity and Uniqueness!

- Eden Park School \$ 500

- Dutemple School \$ 500

BUSINESS

NO. 06-10-17 - RESOLVED, that the Administration be authorized to establish the following tuition rates for the 2006-2007 school year:

Half-day Kindergarten \$ 5,869

Grades 1-12 \$11,737

Special Education \$35,812

Career and Technical Center – Regular \$12,459

Career and Technical Center – Resource (1-2 classes) \$24,136

Career and Technical Center – Self-contained (3-5 classes) \$35,812

Sanders Academy \$35,340

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NO. 06-10-18 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:

Used Buses in the amount of \$7,750

Number of bids issued 5

Number of bids received 4

Musical Instrument Lease/Purchase in the amount of \$141,751.74 over a five-year period.

Number of bids issued 21

Number of bids received 3

NO. 06-10-19 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved (Fund 3 – School Food Service):

Holding Cabinets in the amount of \$3,243.97 each.

Number of bids issued 21

Number of bids received 8

**School Food Authority Inspection in the amount of \$10,350 (06/07);
\$10,868 (07/08)**

Number of bids issued 4

Number of bids received 3

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 06-10-20 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conference/Field Trip of Long Duration be authorized:

1. Richard Abruzzini, Marketing and Distributive Education Teacher at the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center, and eight Rhode Island State

DECA officers and Cranston DECA chapter officers/members (students) to travel to Arlington, Virginia from November 2, 2006 to November 5, 2006 to attend the DECA SONAR Leadership Development Conference for leadership and career development sessions.

XIII. Action Calendar / Action Agenda

XIV. New Business

XV. Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items

XVI. Announcement of Future Meetings

XVII. Adjournment

School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairman in advance.

Notice Posted: October 12, 2006